

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action mailed April 14, 2005, the Examiner has objected to the drawings because certain claimed features have not been shown therein, and has objected to the title of the invention as not descriptive. Further, the Examiner has objected to Claims 1-22 because of certain informalities; rejected Claims 1, 6, and 13 under 35 USC 102(b); and rejected Claims 4, 5, 7, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, and 19 under 35 USC 103(a). The Examiner has kindly indicated that Claims 2, 3, 8-10, 17, 18, and 20-22 are drawn to patentable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.


By this paper, the title has been amended to be descriptive of that which Applicants regard as the invention, and Claims 3-6, 10-16, and 19-21 have been amended to correct the noted informalities and to more particularly point out that which the Applicants regard as the invention. Further, Claims 8, 9, and 22, respectively containing those features noted as not being shown in the drawings have been cancelled without prejudice. Therefore, the objection to the drawings should now be removed. Moreover, the patentable subject matter of Claim 2 has been incorporated in independent Claim 1, and Claim 2 has been cancelled without prejudice. Therefore, independent Claim 1, as amended, now patentably distinguishes over the prior art. Claims 3-7 and 9-21, as now amended, are dependent directly or indirectly on amended independent Claim 1, and as such contain all the limitations thereof. Accordingly, amended independent Claim 1 and dependent Claims 3-7 and 9-21, the claims remaining in this Application, should now all be allowed.

Applicants are not aware of any additional patents, publications, or other information not previously submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office which would be required under 37 C.F.R. §1.99.

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This Application is now believed to be in condition for favorable reconsideration and early allowance, and such actions are respectfully requested.

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